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so strangely isolated from the common objects of desire and activity, the artist worked on not only cheerfully but happily; that his art was to him all that business, pleasure, wife, children, and the social intercourse of friends, and to cut

are to others; that his life afforded a proof, not only of the triumph of genius over mechanical difficulties, but of the triumph of the human heart over outward afflictions; showing how little

"The bliss which only centres in the mind"

Thirty years of constant labor had not sufficed to place Ducornet in a position of ease. He lived in the midst of privations, but still he struggled bravely.

day about four months ago, he was seized with a stroke of paralysis; and on the 27th of April, 1856, the painter of Lille expired in the arms of his father and of M. Damailly. For a long time past these two old men had been the whole world to poor Ducornet.

**ENGLISH TRAITS**, by Ralph Waldo Emerson, the long-expected latest work of the great Transcendentalist, will be ready for publication on the first of August. It is a thorough analysis of English character, which is con-

sidered mostly from a highly favorable point of view, and discussed in the tone of a sensible practical man of the world, and not in that of a poet or philosopher, and still less in that of a historian or a statesman. Land, races, manners, character, wealth, aristocracy, religion, literature, the people.

Times newspaper, are the chief topics. There is little account of persons in the book. Lander, Coleridge, Wordsworth, and Carlyle only are described.

Mr. Emerson called on Wordsworth at Rydal Mount.

"His daughters called in their father, a plain, elderly, white-haired man, not prepossessing, and disfigured by green goggles. He sat down, and talked with great simplicity. He had just returned from a journey. His health was good, but he had broken a tooth by a fall among the hills."

At the time of Mr. Emerson's first visit to England, Carlyle was living on a farm in the south of Scotland.

"I found the house amid desolate heathenry hills, where the lonely scholar nourished his mighty heart. Carlyle was a man from his youth—an author who did not need to hide from his readers, and as absolute a man of the world, unknown and existed on that

hill-farms as if holding on his own terms what is best in London. He was tall and gaunt, with a cliff-like brow, self-possessed, and holding his extraordinary powers of conversation in easy command; clinging to his northern accent with evident relish; full of lively anecdote, and with a streaming humor which suc-

Emerson says of **Savage Lander** :—"He glorified Lord Chesterfield more than was necessary, and undervalued Burke, and undervalued Socrates; designated as three of the greatest of men, Washington, Phocion, and

Coleridge Mr. Emerson described as—"A short, thick old man, with a

He took snuff freely, which presently soiled his cravat and neat black suit. He asked whether I knew Alston, and spoke warmly of his merits and doings when he knew him in Rome; what a master of the Titianesque he

was, &c. He spoke of Dr. Channing. It was an unspeakable misfortune that he should have turned out a Unitarian after all. On this he burst into a declamation on the folly and ignorance of Unitarianism—its high unreasonableness. When he stopped to take breath, I suggested that Unitarianism was

breath, interposed that 'while I highly valued all his explanations, I was bound to tell him I was born and bred a Unitarian.' 'Yes,' he said, 'I supposed so;' and continued as before. He said he knew all about Unitarianism perfectly well, because he had once been a Unitarian, and knew what quakers it was.

He had been called the Rising Star of Unitarianism."

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**MR. LATHAM AND THE PITTSBURGH AND STEVENSVILLE RAILROAD**—Mr. Latham arrived here on Monday last, in company with Mr.

At a meeting of the Board yesterday, in accordance with a previous arrangement, Mr. Isaac Jones, the President of the Company, voluntarily resigned his office, to take effect at the close of the year.

on the 1st October, and Mr. Latham was unanimously elected President of the Company, as a reward for the important services which he has rendered in bringing to a successful termination the contract to finish, equip and run the road.

as an assistant in the banking house of John Thompson, Esq., New York, nearly ever since the failure of the house of Selden, Withers & Co., of Washington city.

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financier had suffered very materially, but whatever damage it may have sustained by the unfortunate suspension of that house has been fully repaired by his able and successful initiation and prosecution of the contract which he has made to complete the Pittsburg and Stenbenville Railroad.

It is evident that none but an energetic, patient and skillful negotiator, could have made this contract, reconciling the conflicting and jarring interests by which the road was surrounded. We understand the work will be commenced in a few days, with a strong

force of men, and all, except the bridges, will be finished in December next.—*Pittsburg paper*, 27th.

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**UNDERGROUND RAILROAD.**—The Richmond Dispatch says: On the 4th of July last, a yellow

low fellow named Jordan Preston, owned by Messrs. T. & S. Hargrove, tobaccoists, exhibited his independence by running off from his masters, and as they supposed his object was to escape to a free State, they offered a reward of \$300 for his apprehension. On Friday night last, the owner of this negro, Har-

ing reasons to believe that he was about making an effort to get to Washington, sent Messrs. Wm. Hargrove and Wm. S. Jenkins in that direction, and when they got near Aquila Creek, they discovered Jordan on the Richmond and Frederick cars, under the care of a

a- white mn. They immediately seized the  
to negro, but unfortunately, in the excitement,  
ge the white man gave them the slip and made  
own good his escape. Jordan had disguised  
himself by blacking his face and having his hair  
curled, but the two young men knew her so  
well, that they had no difficulty in recognizing

well, that they had been wrong. It is proper for us to add, that no blame is attached to the officers of the Richmond and Fredericksburg Railroad Company, as the negro was put on the cars by a white man, who gave the requisite security that all was right. Jordan had a forged emancipation

**FRUIT AND VEGETABLE TRADE.**—One thousand baskets of peaches were shipped from Norfolk by one of the N. Y. steamers. Early

apples are also shipped to Baltimore. The sweet potato trade will commence shortly—a few barrels having already been sold at \$6.